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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1- 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hashimoto (6,262,473 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Hashimoto discloses a chip on film carrier tape (32) including a continuous insulating film, a wiring pattern (34) formed of a conductor layer (20) provided on a surface of the insulating film (42), and a row of sprocket holes (11,12,14 and 15) provided on either lateral side of the wiring pattern (34) on which electronic devices (See figure 1) are to be mounted, characterized in that a center section of the insulating layer (42) other than opposite longitudinal edges where the sprocket holes (29,31) are formed is provided with a support film (32) formed on another surface of the insulating film (42), which surface is opposite to the surface on which the wiring pattern (34) is provided.

Regarding claim 2, Hashimoto discloses wherein the row of sprocket holes (See figure 1 elements 11,12,14 and 15) are provided with a dummy wiring portion (24) surrounding the holes (29, 31).

Regarding claim 3, Hashimoto discloses wherein the dummy wiring portion (24) is provided in the form of discrete islands (See figure 1, the separate domain between the

rows of holes) each surrounding a sprocket hole (See figure 1 elements 11, 12, 14 and 15).

Regarding claim 4, Hashimoto discloses wherein the tape (32) has a predetermined distance between a longitudinal edge of the insulating layer (42) and a longitudinal edge of the dummy wiring portion (24).

Regarding claims 5, Hashimoto discloses wherein the support film (32) has a thickness which is equal to or less than that of the insulating layer (42). (See figure 4b)

Regarding claims 6, Hashimoto discloses wherein the support film (32) has a thickness which is equal to or less than that of the insulating layer (42). (See figure 4b)

Regarding claims 7, Hashimoto discloses wherein the support film (32) has a thickness which is equal to or less than that of the insulating layer (42). (See figure 4b)

Regarding claims 8, Hashimoto discloses wherein the support film (32) has a thickness which is equal to or less than that of the insulating layer (42). (See figure 4b)

Regarding claims 9 to 12, Hashimoto discloses wherein the support film has a thickness of 25 to 50 Micro meters. [Column 8 paragraph 4 lines 34-40]

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABIY GETACHEW whose telephone number is (571)272-6932. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8Am to 4:30Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DEAN REICHARD can be reached on (571)272-1984. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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